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The Danger Zone
Packed
packed tight with reference books and CDs
I have a huge bookcase in my (second floor) room
Call it a gap or a crevice
Ahhh!
The other day I noticed that the floor beneath it was slightly lower by about 2-3 millimeters
I can't They're my reference books.
Stand in Dad Shuuge Saak!
The floor's gonna collapse at this rate!!
Throw out all your books!
Hana to Yume
My real dad looks quite different from this one
If they make that thinner it'll be me who's cut from their roster first
Hana to Yume
And have them make these a little thinner too!!
A True-Life NG Life Account
Everybody make sure to check out your bookshelves at home too! ★ Especially you bookworms!

Unrelated but in the four panel comic I drew in Volume 4 I used the wrong kanji for Ranka's name

Hello there! It's Mizuho Kusanagi! Thank you so much for picking up Volume 6 of NG Life! The room from which I currently write this is a whopping 33° C* But I'm trying my best with the breeze from my electric fan Everybody, Let's Conserve Energy!

*92° F.

I WON'T.
I'LL GO! ♡
MY MOM GAVE THEM TO ME.
I'LL PAY MY OWN WAY.
BUT TWO TICKETS AREN'T ENOUGH.
I FIGURED HE'D BE REALLY IN TO GOING...
I SEE.
HUH?
100 K?
I PROMISED REINA I'D RUN A 100K MARATHON WITH HER TOMORROW.
TOGETHER?!
YOU TWO GO TOGETHER.
YEAH...

Hello again, everyone! Thank you so much for your continued support of NG Life! And to those extra-special people who've just picked up the series – please start reading from Volume 1 (laughs)

When I first started NG, my feeling was that I'd be happy if it went on for four volumes, and before I knew it, we're already on #6. But there's still so much that I want to do that I have to do, so please stick with me a little longer.

Even though I'm forever struggling trying to come up with a 30-page story each month, I still think NG is really easy to draw and a lot of fun to do. And I'd dearly love to draw these characters to the very end.

BUT RIGHT NOW...
OF COURSE NOT.
I loathe the idea of them being alone together.
...I KIND OF WANT TO PUT A LITTLE DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND KEIDAI.
I KNEW IT. YOU SAW SOMETHING UNDER REGRESSIVE HYPNOSIS!
YEAH, REINA! LET'S GO FOR THE 100K MARATHON!
AS IF!
ANIMAL GAME LAND?

.. I DECLINE. IT'S FINALLY JUST THE TWO OF YOU, AFTER ALL.
"FIN-ALLY"...
IT'S AN AMUSEMENT PARK THAT COMBINES A ZOO AND A THEME PARK.
WANNA GO WITH ME AND KEI-CHAN?
... WHICH IS?
IT'S OBVIOUS, TO THOSE WITH EYES.
...SO YOU KNEW?
..KEI-CHAN HAS SOMEONE ELSE HE LOVES.
WHY? I THINK THE TWO OF YOU WOULD DO QUITE WELL TOGETHER.
THOUGH HE'S THE ONE I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
AWWW SO THE SECRET'S OUT EXCEPT TO NIM.

NO ONE BUT THAT PERSON...
...COULD GET INTO KEI-CHAN'S HEART.
AND FOREVER AND EVER HE'S ONLY HAD EYES FOR THAT PERSON.
BUT YOU ALSO, MII, ONLY HAVE EYES FOR KEIDAI, TRUE?
AT THIS RATE, DO YOU PLAN TO JUST WAIT UNTIL EITHER HIS FEELINGS OR YOURS DISAPPEAR?
...I DON'T KNOW.
HOW ARE YOU AND MIKAGE-SAN?

I WONDER... IF SHUNA-CHAN'S...
...NOT GOING WELL WITH MIKAGE-SAN.
It's a mystery whether those two are even going out in the first place
UM. NEVER MIND.
...WHY DO YOU ASK...? HIM... AND ME?
Frosty!
I GUESS!
AT ANY RATE, THE TWO OF YOU SHOULD GO AND ENJOY YOURSELVES.
...BY GOING ALL OUT AND HAVING A BLAST. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
I BET IT'LL BE GREAT TO BRIGHTEN HIS MOOD...
...KEI-CHAN MUST'VE FELT PRETTY LONELY.
SINCE YUUMA-KUN'S MEMORIES DIDN'T COME BACK AFTER THE PLAY THING THE OTHER DAY...

JUST THE TWO OF US...?
WITH SERIZAWA?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
BECAUSE, SIRIX MAN, TO HAVE IT BE JUST THE TWO OF US, ME AND SERIZAWA, FEELS WRONG...
HOW IS IT WRONG?!
WHAT'S WEIRD IS GETTING ALL CONFUSED OVER A FRIEND!!
DO YOU INTEND TO FORGET ABOUT SERENA SINCE YUUMA'S MEMORIES FAILED TO COME BACK?!
YOU SHOULD BE LIKE YOUR OLD SELF!
YOU ALWAYS USED TO GO SHOPPING OR TO THE MOVIES WITH SERIZAWA!!
SHE EVEN CAME INTO YOUR ROOM TO WAKE YOU UP, RIGHT? NO PROBLEM?
SO WHY, AFTER SO LONG..?!
BETTER GRIN AND BEAR IT, LOSER!!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, SIRIX MAN!
KEI-CHAN!

MORNING.
W-W-W-WHY DID YOU JUST COME UP HERE ON YOUR OWN...
HUH? NEVER BOTHERED YOU BEFORE.
IF WE DON'T LEAVE SOON, IT'LL BE NOON, YOU KNOW!
G-GAH! STOP IT, YOU DOLT! I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING!!

I WAS ALWAYS COOL WITH IT UP UNTIL NOW...
SURE, WE'RE FRIENDS! BUT TO COME ALL THE WAY INTO MY BED TO WAKE ME UP...!!
IT'S WEIRD, RIGHT?
WELL, GET DRESSED, OKAY?
OH, KEI-CHAN! SO FUNNY!
Stare
UHH!
OHO HO! JUST THINKING HOW INNOCENT YOU ARE. ♡
WHAT IS IT, MOM?
Hee hee
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR US TO -
YES, YES, RUN ALONG.
I'M GLAD I BROUGHT YOU THOSE TICKETS SO YOU TWO COULD GO ON A DATE.
IT'S NOT A DATE! WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!

WOW! WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN AGES!
...GO OUT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?
WE USED TO HANG OUT HERE ALL THE TIME.
Huh?
FEELS LIKE SERIZAWA'S A LOT CLOSER THAN THOSE OTHER TIMES.
IS IT MY IMAGI-NATION?
EXACTLY. THE TWO OF US USED TO HAPPILY GO ALL OVER THE PLACE TOGETHER.

THAT POLAR BEAR IS SOOOO FUNNY!
KEI-CHAN, LOOK AT THAT!
FELT LIKE SOME-ONE WAS WATCHING ME...
YOU'RE LEANING TOO FAR IN.

OW!!
PERSONAL SPACE...!
SWISH
KEI-CHAN, NOW YOU'RE LEANING TOO FAR IN.
W-WHAT THE?!
SOME-THING STABBED ME...
G-PEN
HE'S HERE...
THAT GUY IS HERE...

You're all over her!!
HOW DARE YOU, KEIDAI SAEKI... AND WITH MY ADORABLE MII-CHAN!!
CURSE HIM...
KIWAME-KUN, WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK?
WE'LL GO PET THE ANIMALS
SERIZAWA, LET'S GO OVER THERE
WHA? ALREADY?
But the polar bear
.....
WAIT!
I'M OFF IN SEARCH OF STORY IDEAS.
THAT LITTLE PUNK... I'LL MAKE HIM REGRET PLAYING AROUND WITH OUR MII... IN HELL!
A manga ka couple
GO HOME.
OH, IT'S BAD! MY DEADLINE'S TOMORROW AND I'VE GOT 30 BLANK PAGES!
BUT MII-CHAN'S IN DANGER!

An Petting
SO CUUUUTE!
Petting Plaza.
I'M KINDA UNCOM-FORTABLE...
I... I'M GOING OVER HERE.
TOTALLY SUITS YOU.
GAH!
I'll try feeding it a tissue
I WONDER IF THEY REALLY EAT PAPER.
IT'S A GOAT.
HUH?
I'M JEALOUS OF HOW WELL THEY GET ALONG!
HOW CUTE!

Ink-blotting tissue
A MANGA-DRAWING GOAT?!
Ink blotting
WAAAAH!
WHERE'D YOU GO, KEI-CHAN?
SE... SERIZA...
THAT'S A STRANGE GAME YOU'RE PLAYING, KEI-CHAN.
DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M HAVING FUN?!
AH!

AH!
WE... WE'VE SPENT ENOUGH TIME HERE, YEAH? LET'S CHECK OUT SOME RIDES.
GOAT KICK!!!
KEI-CHAN?!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR, SIR!
KEI-CHAN, YOU'RE FIGHTING A GOAT?
Why so formal?
LET'S GO, SERIZAWA!!
Rejected! boing
WHY YOU..

WHAT THE HELL? YOU TWO ON A DATE?
Mikage
MIKAGE?!
HEH, YOU AND THE SCREAMER RIDES...
KEI-CHAN, LET'S GO ON THAT ONE!
NOTHIN'S FORCING YOU TO TOE THE LINE OF YOUR PAST LIFE
I'M TELLING YOU.
HEY, SO WHAT IF YOU'RE ON A DATE?
I'M GONNA TELL SERENA.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SIRIX AND LOLEUS ON A DATE, HUH?
DON'T SAY WEIRD STUFF. WE JUST CAME TO HANG OUT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
PART-TIME JOB. I DO THE ANNOUNCING FOR THE RIDES, KEEP THE LINES IN ORDER, STUFF LIKE THAT
LOOK, IF YOU'RE GONNA RIDE, HURRY AND GET ON.

WHA?
WE ASK THAT YOU SIT TOGETHER FOR THIS RIDE, SIR.
PLEASE SIT IN PAIRS!
YOU GET IN THAT ONE. I'LL SIT IN THIS ONE.
OKAY!
DELOS, YOU BAS...
THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY, SIR. NOT TO GET YOUR HEART POUNDING, SIR.
CLOSE QUARTERS..!
ぴったり

GYAAHH!!
UH!
UH!
UH, Y'KNOW, WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT YUUMA ALONG AFTER ALL.
HUH?
I FIGURE HE'D LOVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND IT WOULD'VE BEEN FUN TO RIDE WITH THE THREE OF US, RIGHT?
...YEAH.

DAMMIT, WHY?!
AND BECAUSE IT'S AWKWARD WITH JUST THE TWO OF US...
THE FASTER THE RIDE WENT JUST NOW, THE CLOSER WE GOT TO EACH OTHER!
Cause stupid Mikage was having fun and making it go over and over
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
I'M KINDA TIRED...
All right! Would you like to go again?
THINGS AREN'T GOING SMOOTHLY...
...THE WAY THEY USED TO.
EVERYONE AROUND IS TEASING US TOO MUCH.
I WAS ON EDGE WORRYING THAT ONE OF KIWAME-SENSEI'S PENS WAS GONNA COME FLYING.
KIWAME-SENSEI?!
TOM
Aahh!

LET'S GO INTO ONE OF THESE ATTRACTIONS.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SERIZAWA?
CRAP, I GOTTA HIDE.
Mirror House
EAH, THIS WILL DO!!
DARKNESS. ILLUMINATIONS. THE MOOD IS TOTALLY SET.
MIRROR HOUSE...!

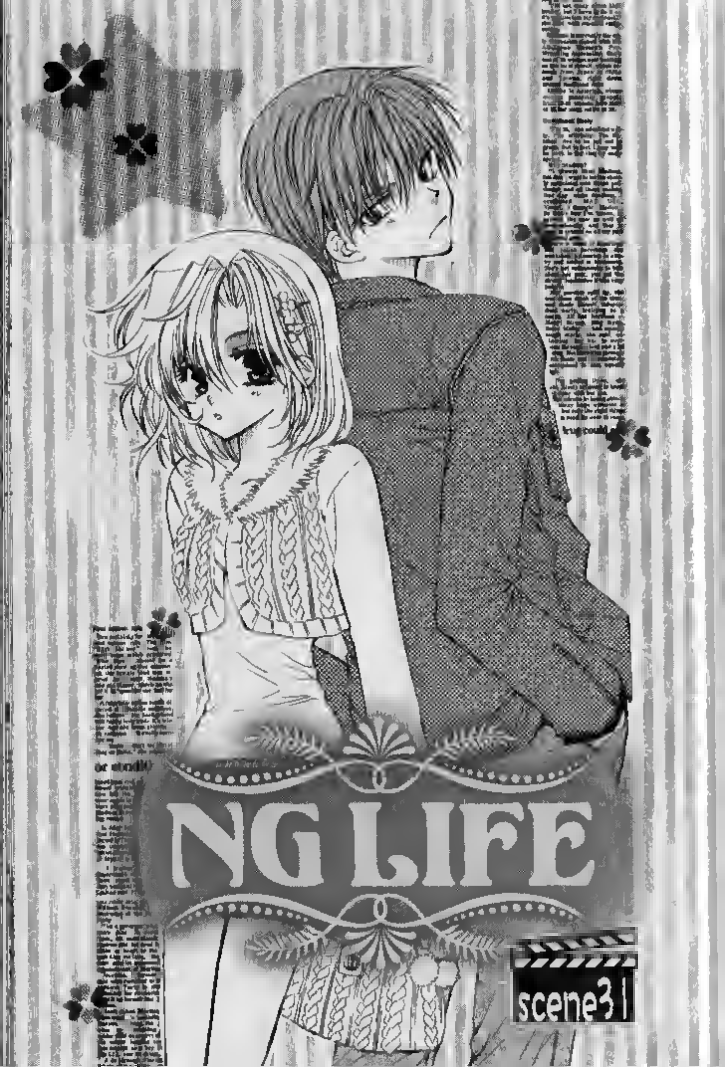
IS THERE SOMETHING SHADY GOING ON? YOU PATHETIC WEAKLING!
AHH, WHY THE HECK DID I GO INTO A PLACE LIKE THIS?
THERE IS NOT!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HERE? WHAT KIND OF ISSUE COULD TWO FRIENDS HAVE?!
KEIDAI'S INTERNAL CONFLICT.
OWW...
AHA HA. WAY TO GO, KEI-CHAN. YOU NEVER DISAPPOINT.
OW!
AH!
CLASSIC KEI-CHAN.
Ah ha ha!
Grrrrrrah!
STUPID MIRRORS!

YOU SEEMED A LITTLE LONELY AT THE PLAY THE OTHER DAY...
...BUT I'M RELIEVED TO SEE STUPID KEI-CHAN BACK AGAIN.
HOW RUDE.
COULD IT BE THAT I'VE...
AND EACH TIME, I...
SHE'S ALWAYS BAILING ME OUT.
...BEEN MAKING SERIZAWA ANXIOUS AROUND ME?
PLUS SHE'S
THIS WAY.
YOU CAN LOOK DOWN AND WALK.

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
SERIZAWA IS LOVELY.
..SORRY.
I CAN'T FORGET THAT~
WELL... JUST THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF STUFF LIKE THIS THAT PEOPLE GET THE WRONG IDEA.
SORRY, I'LL TRY TO BE MORE CAREF...
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?

I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

EVEN IF THEY GET THE WRONG IDEA...
THE ILLUMINATIONS OF THE MAZE OF MIRRORS...
...I...
...MOTLY REFLECT EVEN SERIZAWA'S VOICE.
...DON'T MIND AT ALL.
I'M LOSING MY MIND.
YOU LOST A PAGE.
CURSE YOU, KEIDAI SAEKI!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...DON'T MIND AT ALL.
...I...
EVEN IF THEY GET THE WRONG IDEA...

AH...
...HUH?
WHA...
...WHAT...
...ARE YOU SAYING...
...KE...

Ah ha ha!
KEI-CHAN, YOU'RE SO FUNNY!
ALL I MEANT WAS THAT I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF US.
OH... OH.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT SERIOUS ANSWER?
NOW! LET'S KEEP GOING.
IT'D BE A WASTE TO JUST STAND AROUND.
OH.
...OKAY...

CALM DOWN, HEART.
IT'S NOTHING.
IT'S NOTHING.
IT'S NOTHING.
THERE WAS NO...
...I JUST GOT DRUNK ON THE MOOD, IS ALL.
IT'S JUST BECAUSE THE SPOTLIGHTS IN A DARK PLACE LIKE THIS ARE SO HOT...
I... WAS SO SHOCKED!
...DEEPER MEANING.
I FOUND YOU!

Mirror House
WHAT A ROMANTIC LOCALE, KEI-CHAN-KUN...
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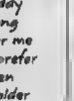
!!
I'M SO STUPID...
WHY DID I SAY THAT...
GAAHH, I'M STUPID!!
THANK YOU FOR VISITING!

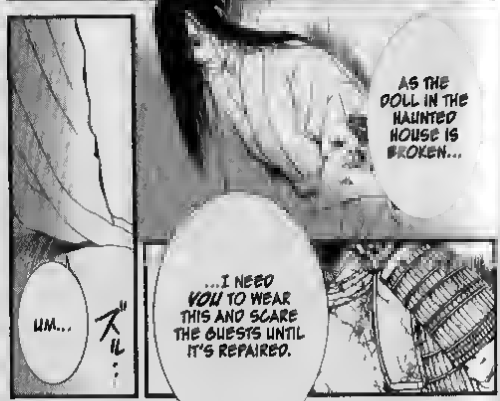
ALL THAT DID WAS CAUSE TROUBLE FOR KEI-CHAN.
WHA? KEI-CHAN?!
What's wrong?!
HE RAN OFF ON ME?!
DID I REALLY SAY TOO MUCH?!
smirk
Aa
THA...
Whisper whisper
You okay?
What the?
THAT MAN IS INSANE...
I SMELL THE EVIL IN YOU!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

He's not this crazy with Yuuma and he's her friend too. The way he just chases me around and does everything short of killing me to grieve me... it's just like Miss Smyrna...
WHY DOES HE HATE ME SO MUCH?
OH, CRAP, SERIZAWA...
WON'T YOU COME WITH ME FOR A BIT?
ALL RIGHT! I MANAGED TO DISTANCE MII FROM HIM.
Mmuh heh heh!
WHERE THE HECK DID HE GO?
EH?!
KEI-CHAN!

The characters that are the easiest for me to bring to life and work with are Serizawa's mom and dad. Originally, I had designed Daddy Serizawa to be (face-wise) just a normal older guy, but in shojo manga, they prefer even the mothers and fathers to be young-looking, so at my editor's request I made Daddy boyishly young (laughs) For me however, I prefer my older men to look like older men Then again, if you think about it, I suppose since Daddy Serizawa is a shonen manga-ka, it's fine that he's eternally young since his soul is that of a young boy ★ But I don't think I've EVER had any of my readers tell me something like, "Kwame-san is so cute and wonderful♥"

★ He wasn't even allowed in scene30's Handsome Man Paradise color illustration that I did





YOU DON'T SEEM VERY HAPPY, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED GHOST!
WELL, IT'S YOU, SO YOU'RE GREAT AS A GHOST.
WHY ME...?
NO, THANK YOU!
THEN BECOME A GHOST WITH HER.
I CAN'T DO THIS. I'M HERE WITH SOME-ONE.
NO, THANK YOU!
IT'LL JUST BE A FEW MINUTES. I'LL PAY YOU
I'M LEAVING!
SERI-ZAWA!
BECAUSE IT WILL BE REPAIRED SOON.
IF SHE KNEW I WAS TRAPPED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
...SHE'D BE WAY TOO AMUSED.
That Laleus!
Kai-chan you're amazing
Uwa ha ha!

ぽーん
HEY!
PUT ON YOUR MASK TOO.
OKAY, YOU ARE ALREADY ON STANDBY.
HEY! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS OUTFIT?!
I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
BUT MAYBE I CAN USE IT. MAYBE THIS'LL BE IN MY NEXT DRAFT!
ゴゴゴ
I GOT CAUGHT BY A MEIKDO.
HE EVEN TELLS ME WHERE TO STAND!

THE THING WITH... TESTS OF COURAGE IS...
I THINK IT'S THE PERSON WHO IS DOING THE SCARING WHOSE COURAGE IS TESTED SINCE THEY HAVE TO WAIT QUIETLY IN A DARK PLACE UNTIL A GUEST COMES ALONG.
先祖代々之墓
先祖代々
I SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH SERIZAWA...
ゴソゴソ
scritch scritch
OH NO, MY HANDS SLIPPED...
カラ
カラ カラ
YOU DROPPED THIS...
OH, THANK YOU VERY...
GAH!
つる

KIWAME
KEIOAI.
KIWAME.
Eeee!!
Eee Yaaahhhhhh!!
Aahhhhhhhh!!

TAKE ME WITH YOU!!
PEOPLE!!
AAAAAHHHHH!!
AAAH!
WHAT TO DO...
I THINK TOO MUCH WHEN I'M ALONE!
.....
I CAN'T EVEN REACH HIS CELL.
YO, LOLEUS.

SIRIX GOT LOST, HUH?
What a drag
I GOT SEPARATED FROM KEI-CHAN.
HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
MIKAGE-SAH!
SURE!
...WANNA COME?
THE HAUNTED HOUSE HAS A BROKEN PROP SO I'M BEING CALLED OVER, BUT...
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT DRAWING, YOU KNOW
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIX A DOLL LIKE THIS, TOO.
THAT'S SO LOLELIS.
ARE YOU GOOD AT THINGS LIKE THIS?
I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH MY HANDS, I GUESS SO I CAN FIX MECHANICAL FAILURES, MORE OR LESS
OH, THIS LOOKS LIKE FUN! ♡

...SO IT LOOKS LIKE KEI-CHAN PULLED BACK.
I SAID SOMETHING WEIRD...
... BUT ... IT'S NOT ...
...DID YOU TWO GET IN A FIGHT OR SOMETHING?
EH?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
...MUST BE COMPLICATED FOR HIM.
WHILE HE'S IN HIS PRESENT LIFE, HIS HEART OBSTINATELY FEELS THE SAME AS IN HIS PAST LIFE.
YOU, TOO, HE VIEWS AS HIS BEST FRIEND LOLEUS THAT HE LOST THAT DAY.
AND HE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT THE INVISIBLE WOMAN, SERENA.

YOU CAN'T FORGET ABOUT LADY AGLAIA EITHER?
IT'S A WARPED STORY FOR SOMEONE LIVING IN THE NOW
SORRY, I KNOW ABOUT IT.
...AND MIKAGE-SAN TOO?
DO YOU LIKE SHINA-CHAN BECAUSE YOU LIKED LADY AGLAIA?
This
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HIT ON THE FEMALE STUDENTS AT SCHOOL, YOU KNOW!
School? Which one?
...IN MY CASE, IT CAN'T BE TIED UP NEATLY WITH THE WORD... "LIKE."
THOSE OF US WITH MEMORIES OF OUR PAST LIVES AREN'T NORMAL.

WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT...
...TIME IS STOPPED.
HE, SIRIX, WILL PROBABLY KEEP CARING FOR SERENA.
SO IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE THAT, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP.
I KNOW THAT.
KEI-CHAN AND I ARE JUST FRIENDS.
IT'LL BE BETTER THE SOONER YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CARE FOR HIM...
...I'LL NEVER BE...
WHERE'S MY CELL PHONE...
The Two Idiots
UGHH, I'M MISSING ONE SHEET...
Manuscript
Kaidai
Hm?
...SPECIAL TO HIM.
One sheet two sheets

WHA?!
SERI...
MII-CHAN'S ALONE WITH A MAN IN THE DARK?!
SERIZAWA AND...MIKAGE?! WHY ARE THEY HERE?
SERIZAWA
CAREFUL!!!
Get away from Mii...!!

...UOH.
OH.
M-!...
KIWAME-SENSEI!?
KEI-CHAN?! DAD?!
What are you two doing?! And you look hilarious!
KIWAME-SENSEI!! HOLD ON!
I'M SORRY.
ARE... ARE YOU HURT?

SORRY I COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH--
I HAD NO IDEA YOU'D GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO SUCH A FUN LITTLE SITUATION...
YES, SIR...
INK THIS HERE.
THIS IS BAD! I'M ALMOST OUT OF TIME!
Flutter.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT! COULD THAT HAVE BEEN MORE OBVIOUS?!
KIWAME-KUN!
WHO WOULD ALLOW IT?!
NO!
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE YOUR DAUGHTER'S COURTSHIP ALONE?
This is why things get com-plicated!
It's not a courtship.
It'll make for great story ideas.
NO!
They're reviewing Hottie & Paradise recaps.
KIWAME-KUN, LET'S GO HOME.

HE SAID THERE'S SOMEONE OTHER THAN MII WHO HE LIKES!
THERE IS?
ぴしっ
YOU BASTARD, HOW SHAME-LESS!!
ガチャーン
DAD?!
YES, THERE IS.

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT WITH HER, DON'T YOU DARE SEE HER, TALK TO HER, OR BREATHE THE SAME AIR AS HER EVER AGAIN!!
THAT'S JUST IM-POSSIBLE ...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! SERIZAWA IS MY FRIEND...
SO YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH MII WHILE YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT?!
STOP IT, DADDY!
NO, DAD.
YOUR HEART'S WITH SOME-ONE ELSE AND YET--
I'LL NEVER GIVE MII...
NO.
IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE ELSE, GO TO HER!
I CAN'T STAND WISHY WASHY GUYS LIKE YOU!!
...TO SOMEONE WHO CAN'T TREASURE HER...!!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING MORE...

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?! I TREASURE HER TO THE POINT OF DEATH!

しーーん
UH...
UM...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK?
WHAT ISN'T?
WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ASKING FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND OR ANYTHING GLOBAL LIKE THAT.
BUT IN SHORT...
I'LL ALWAYS TREASURE SERIZAWA ...
...FROM NOW UNTIL FOREVER.
NO MATTER WHAT ANY-ONE HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

I THINK I WANT TO BE WITH HER FOR MY WHOLE LIFE.
...UH, WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING!
OH..
I REALLY...
...AM SO HAP... PY.
EH?

LOOKS LIKE FOR NOW IT WON'T BE SO EASY TO FORGET KEI-CHAN.
I'M JUST MOVED BY OUR FRIEND-SHIP.
THIS ISN'T FAIR
WHAT THE...
IT'S .. NOTHING.

MY PARENTS WENT HOME.
Finally!
I... I SEE.
KEI-CHAN.
Oh crap, did I say something super embarrassing just now?!
AND IT HITS
WHAT THE HECK DID I SAY?! CAUGHT UP IN THE MO-MENT...
I KNOW, RIGHT?
KIWAME-KUN, YOU HAVE A CALL FROM YOUR EDITOR.
BRK!
IN reeeever-reeeever allow it!!
TH...THAT WAS PRETTY INTENSE, HUH?
THAT WASN'T GETTING LOST...
YOU GOT LOST, HUH?
SORRY ABOUT TODAY.
HEY, YOU TWO.

MIKAGE-SAN, THANK YOU FOR ACCOMPANYING US TODAY.
IT WAS NOTHING ...
SIRIX.
I MEAN... KEIDAI.
GOTTA SAY, I'M KINDA JEALOUS OF HOW STUPIDLY IMPULSIVE YOU ARE.
HUH?!
IS HE MAKING FUN OF ME?!
LOOKS LIKE MIKAGE-SAN HAS A LOT GOING ON TOO, HUH...

I'M EVEN OUT IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE ...
WHAT AM I, SOME STALKER ...?
DO YOU LIKE SHUNA-CHAN BECAUSE YOU LIKED LADY AGLAIA?
bzzz bzzz
I DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS NUMBER ...
HELLO?
IT'S SHINOBU... KAGAMI.
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ...
...ABOUT SHUNA.

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE EVERY-ONE.
THIS GENTLEMAN IS DELOS.
HE HAS BEEN A MERCENARY FOR THE HOUSE OF FELIX FOR HALF A YEAR.
DELOS, THESE ARE SIRIX AND LOUEUS.
FROM NOW ON THESE TWO WILL BE MY NEW GUARDS.
...LADY... AGLAIA.
IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE IN STRAY DOGS OUT OF PITY.
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SO THAT WAS HOW YOU MET DELOS?
AS MY COMPLETE OPPOSITE, WE'D BUTT HEADS ALL THE TIME.
BUT WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY ASKING ABOUT DELOS?
Ack the speech bubbles over my face.
WELL..
HEY!

★ *About Fan Letters*

Thank you so much for all your letters! I really enjoy reading them! Now then, about these letters though, if you've ever wondered how they get to me here is the process. They actually go through my handler at the editorial department first to check them over, and then about once a month (?) after they start to pile up, they eventually get to me. Which means that they get to me about a few days to a few weeks later than when you sent them out to me. Your Christmas cards and New Years cards come a bit late but please don't worry about that and keep them coming!

WHAT?!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING. YOU'RE ON YOUR FOURTH SLICE OF CAKE AND YOU'RE GONNA TURN INTO A PIG.
SO IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT.
OKAY! I'LL HAVE SOME TOO! ♡
HE'S BEEN EATING ALL BY HIMSELF FOR A WHILE NOW.
WE'VE COME TO HANG OUT AT THE SAKAKIBARA RESIDENCE.
a tea party on the terrace.
SINCE I GOT THE CHANCE TO TALK TO MIKAGE-SAN EARLIER...
Back to what I was saying
...I'VE JUST BEEN WONDERING.
What's that plan?
THE TWINS ARE SURE IN HIGH SPIRITS.
WELL!
WHAT KIND?
What! Hee hee!
A GAME?
I WAS THINKING WE'D PLAY A GAME WITH IT LATER.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL CAKE PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR TODAY.

I HAVEN'T HEARD MANY STORIES ABOUT DELOS YET, AND ALL.
YEAH ...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO TELL SERIZAWA...
...ALL THOSE STORIES ABOUT HIM.
I DON'T WANT TO FORCE THE PAIN OF THAT ON SOMEONE...
...BY BRINGING IT INTO THE PRESENT
SO HOW ABOUT YOU ACT MORE LIKE KEI-CHAN?
THIS ISN'T POMPEII.
COME TO THINK OF IT...
.. I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT MIKAGE.
IS MIKAGE-SAN COMING TODAY?
BECAUSE THIS...
...ISN'T POMPEII.

SOUICHI!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
MY PART-TIME JOB SOMEONE I KNOW AT THE FLOWER SHOP ASKED ME TO MAKE A DELIVERY
Another part-time job?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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わ
... HERE.
NAH. I'M DONE FOR TODAY WITH THESE...
DO YOU HAVE MORE DELIVERIES?

BUT I'M A GUY.
DELOS HANDING OUT FLOWERS?!
HUH?
FOR YOU.
WHOOPS.
BUT HE USED TO BE THE KIND OF GUY WHO'D STOMP ALL OVER THE FLOWERS LADY AGLAIA GREW...
AS EXPECTED, EVEN IN THE PRESENT...
...THOSE TWO DON'T GET ALONG WELL, I GUESS.
YOU NEEDN'T CONCERN YOURSELF.
I DO NOT REQUIRE ANY.
OF FLOWERS.
I'M ALL OUT.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR TEA PARTY TODAY.
AFTER-NOON, SHUNA.
HEY NOW. WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
NO, IT'S ...
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, KOIDAI-KUN?
SHINOGU-SAN?! YOU WERE INVITED TOO?
THANK YOU.
UH, TO MY PART-TIME JOB...?
COME HERE, YOU.
Drag drag
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU WERE DONE FOR THE DAY, YOU BASTARD?
Thanks a bunch for that, you rat!

The second person in NG Life that I find the easiest to bring to life and work with is Shinegu-san. Whenever I draw him, my spirits go way up (laughs). It's just so much fun. And it seems that we have quite a few fans passionate for him as well. I even received some Valentine's Day chocolates to his attention (it's the first time I've ever received chocolates for a character of mine, so I was stoked v) During the signing event I attended, someone even said to me, "I was thinking of naming my son 'Shinegu'" (laughs), though I believe "Shinegu-chan" was vetoed by her family in the end (laughs).

You often hear stories about other manga where people name their babies after a character, but to think that it would happen to me over my characters as well!

I really have to take more time to name my characters. I mean, I'm always just naming them as the inspiration strikes.

A LOVER'S QUARREL?
TURN OFF YOUR PAST LIFE FILTER!
OH?
A WEEK AGO, I CALLED THIS CHUMP UP AND TOLD HIM I NEEDED TO TALK TO HIM.
WHAT DID YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT?
I CALLED HIM OVER AND OVER AND OVER THAT AFTERNOON AND DOES HE PICK UP? NO!!
AND WHAT DOES HE GO AND DO? HE SAYS, "THERE'S NOTHING TO DISCUSS," AND HANGS UP!
SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW TOO.

WHY WERE YOU KEEPING QUIET?
IT'S ABOUT SHUNA'S MEMORIES.
!
NO... WHATEVER, THAT'S NOT IT.
THE QUESTION...
...IS WHY DID THEY VANISH?
NOTHING... THAT WOMAN ERASED THEM ALL ON HER OWN, RIGHT?
HA. NICE JOB PRETENDING YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN
DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW ANYTHING?
I WONDER
WE DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER.

...HOW YOU USED TO LOOK AT AGLAIA?
DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW...
HEY!
COME OVER HERE, YOU THREE!
HOW HE USED TO LOOK AT HER...?
ISN'T...
...THE NATURE OF HIS BETRAYAL THAT DAY...
THE ANSWER?
KEIDAI.
PICK ONE FROM HERE.

WHAT IS THIS?
COMMANDS ARE WRITTEN ON THESE SHEETS OF PAPER!
OKAY, YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
I CAME UP WITH A MAIN EVENT FOR THIS TEA PARTY.
YOU MUST CARRY OUT THE COMMAND YOU DREW WITHOUT FAIL.
IF YOU CAN'T...
WHAAAT?!
...YOU GET TO EAT A SLICE OF THIS SUPER-SPICY WASABI CAKE AS PUNISHMENT!
FIRST OFF, KEIDAI, OPEN YOURS!
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE SCHEMING.
I feel like whichever one you choose is the punishment
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
Tell us how you feel about the person to your right.
HOW I FEEL ABOUT...
Yes, yes
Rustle
Off to my part time job

...THE PERSON TO MY RIGHT...?
ER--
YOU SHOULD ALL KNOW BY NOW
SHE'S MY FRIEND WHO I GET ALONG WITH GREAT!
OH?
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING MUCH MORE PASSIONATE THE OTHER DAY?
TREASURE HER TO THE POINT OF DEA--!
GAAH!
GAAAHH!
GAAH!
BE WITH HER FOR MY WHOLE LIFE...
NOOOOO!
NOOO!
NOOO!

MY... NOSE!
MY ...
ALL RIGHT, MINE SAYS...
THE PAIN .. THE BURNING!
Say "I Love You" to the person nearest to you right now
MMPH!!
IF YOU CAN'T SAY IT, THEN EAT CAKE!
STUFF TWO OR THREE IN THERE!
MINE IS...
JUST WHAT KIND OF COMMAND DID HE GET?!
HE WENT FOR THE CAKE, NO HESITATION!
HURTS ...
SOME-ONE'S... STEP-PING... ON MY BUTT..
THE PERSON NEAREST TO HIM

OH MAN, THIS IS SO SOMETHING YOU'D WRITE, REINA.
WHAT?
"WHO DO YOU LIKE?"
WHO...
...MIKABE LIKES?
HE SHOULD JUST CONFESS TO HER OR WHATEVER!
WHO HE LIKES...IT'S SHIINA-CHAN, RIGHT?
YEAH, LET'S HEAR IT.
WHO'S THE GIRL YOU'RE MADLY IN LOVE WITH RIGHT NOW?

Oh ho ho ho
ho ho ho!
SHINOBU-NII-CHAN?!
A SADISTIC WENCH WHO SWINGS AROUND A WHIP AND HAS LONG, BLACK CURLY HAIR.
OH, AND DON'T FORGET BIG TITS.
I like em
DON'T BELIEVE HIM, YOU LOSER!
IS THAT TRUE?!
I never knew!
ALAS, OUR LOVE WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE...
Who's he talking about?
Why is Shinobu denying it?
AND HER NAME IS SMYR...
QUIT KIDDIN' AROUND!!

LIARS GET PUNISHED TOO.
OH... YEAH...
DON'T YOU FEEL ANYTHING FROM THAT CAKE?
OF COURSE!
IT WAS A LIE?
ドヨーン
NOW THEN, NEXT UP IS...

I'M TINGLING ALL OVER.
...I HAVE NEVER, EVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND YOU...
Smiling at
he eats?
THAT SO?
AND I DON'T...
...REALLY HATE YOU.
...YOU'RE A LIAR.
AM I NOW?
BUT...
IT FEELS LIKE HE'S DIFFERENT FROM HOW HE WAS THEN.
SHUNA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?

OHH, IT'S LIKE THAT?
WHAT IS IT? "EXPOSE YOUR OWN WEAKNESS."
I THOUGHT SOMETHING DIRTY WAS WRITTEN THERE.
How rude!
SHE FROZE UP WHEN SHE SAW HER SHEET.
OHHH.
I know
SHE'S ALWAYS...
OH, SHUNA-CHAN.
DON'T BLAB OTHER PEOPLE'S WEAKNESSES.
THIS IS NO TROUBLE AT ALL.
SOUICHI CAN EAT IT, AFTER ALL.
LET'S SEE HOW LONG THIS LASTS.

Gya ha ha ha!
SHUNA-CHAN!
BIG SIS!
Mikage sees it's not that funny.
Ah ha ha ha!
SINCE WE'RE IN THE PRESENT...
...I WONDER IF I CAN GET ON WITH HIM A LITTLE.
MIKAGE. OH.
SO HE'S THE TYPE WHO'D LAUGH LIKE THAT?
AND WITH DELOS OF ALL PEOPLE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN.

IT'S GETTING DARK.
I'VE GOT A GOOD VIBE GOING.
LEMME STAY A LITTLE LONGER.
DO YOU PLAN TO SIT OUT HERE ALL NIGHT LONG?

GUESS I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT YOU FLOWERS TOO AFTER ALL, HUH?
As a birthd
IF YOU BROUGHT ME FLOWERS, I'D LAUGH IN YOUR FACE.
SO NOT CUTE.
OH, A COCK-ROACH!
さっ
WHAT A LAME WEAK-NESS.
Heh heh heh
I DON'T GET WHY YOU HIDE IT.
I'M ONLY A LITTLE SCARED OF THEM.
I WOULDN'T CALL IT A WEAK-NESS.
THEN...
...WHAT'S YOUR TRUE WEAKNESS?

...THOSE TWO ARE KINDA TALKING... A LOT MORE NORMALLY THAN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT...
IS IT BECAUSE SHUNA-SAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES?
HEY.
...I WON'T...
...TELL YOU.
WHY DID YOU THINK I WAS LYING?
EARLIER ...
LIARS GET PUNISHED TOO.

THE ONE YOU LIKE IS A LADY NAMED AGLAIA, IS SHE NOT?
YOU ALWAYS...
...ONLY CALL OUT THAT PERSON'S NAME.

...SHUNA SAKAKIBARA.
I AM...
NO.
RIGHT, AND THAT WOMAN IS YOU...
STOP...
JUST STOP WITH THAT ALREADY.
YOU LOOK PAST ME...
...AND ONLY SEE THE WOMAN...
...YOU SAY RESEM-BLES ME.

BUT...
...THAT...
...IS NOT ME...!
KEIGAI...
WHAT THE HECK... IS GOING ON HERE?

IS IT TRUE...
...THAT YOU LIKE...
...LADY AGLAIA?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
BECAUSE YOU...
YOU ..
IT'S TRUE.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, LOLEUS...
...DIED.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I BETRAYED AGLAIA.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
THEN WHY...
...THAT TIME...

STOP...
EVEN NOW...
...DO YOU WANT...
...TO MAKE ME HATE YOU...?
...AOLAIA HATED ME TOO.
YES! MAYBE THAT'S WHY..!
...SHUNA ERASED HER OWN MEMORIES?

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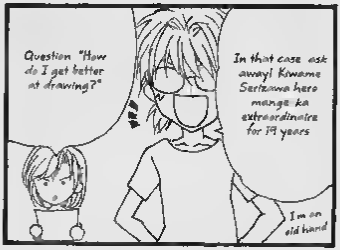
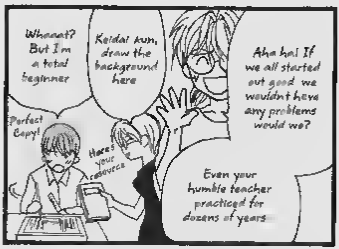

Question "How do I get better at drawing?"
In that case ask away! Kiwame Seizawa hero manga-ka extraordinaire for 19 years
I'm an old hand

Everybody's NG Life
Kiwame Seizawa Version


Whaaat? But I'm a total beginner
Keidai kun, draw the background here
Aha ha! If we all started out good we wouldn't have any problems would we?
Perfect Copy!
Here's your reference
Even your humble teacher practiced for dozens of years

SHUNA HATED ME...
...AND ERASED HER MEMORIES.
...CHI.
SOU... CHI.

SOUICHI!
YO, SERENA...
I'M NOT SERENA.
IF YOU SLEEP OUT HERE, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD.
MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP WHILE THINKING OVER STUFF.
WHAT ABOUT THE TEA PARTY?
IT WAS OVER AGES AGO.
HEY, SO YUUMA AND EVERYONE ARE GONNA SLEEP OVER TONIGHT
WHY DON'T YOU STAY OVER TOO, SOUICHI?
We've got plenty o' room.
I...
SORRY, REINA-CHAN.

IF IT'S SOMEPLACE SKETCHY, I'M DOWN.
WHY YOU!!
SHINOGU-SAN, DON'T PULL ME BY MY EAR
HE'S GOT A SECRET AFTER-PARTY TO ATTEND WITH US.
DON'T YOU HAVE SHUNA?!
OHH? NOT REALLY.
THAT WOMAN'S NOT MINE. NOT AT ALL.

...THAT WOMAN WAS NOWHERE NEAR MINE.
YES ...FROM THE VERY START.
SO STAY THERE!
IF YOU THREE WANT TO TALK, I'LL HAVE ANOTHER ROOM PREPARED FOR YOU.
THANKS, WE'LL DO THAT!
OH CRAP...
...IS THIS BALL YOURS?
HERE.
WHERE'D THAT BALL GO?
Mikage age 15

SERENA ...
NO, WAIT...
REINA!
REINA, WHAT HAP--
AH...
AGLAIA...
IS THAT... AGLAIA?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.
SHE'S... NOT SERENA, IS SHE...?
OVER 1900 YEARS...
...RE-MEMBER, DON'T YOU?
YOU...
I SEE..
IT'S TAKEN A WHILE.
.. WHY MY MEMORIES REMAINED INTACT.
BUT I FINALLY UNDERSTAND...
IT'S BEEN OVER 1900 YEARS...
BUT SHE'S STILL MY PRECIOUS LITTLE SISTER.
TRUE, SHE'S NOT SERENA

I WAS BORN HERE FOR THIS DAY WHEN WE WOULD MEET AGAIN.
I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU...
YES.
...AGLAIA

AFTER THAT, I'D GO SEE THAT 10-YEAR-OLD BRAT EVERY DAY.
AGLAIA PLAYING ON THE SWINGS, HUH?
THAT'S HILARIOUS.
I AM NOT PLAYING.
I AM SURVEYING THE CITY FROM HERE!
YOU GONNA START GOING OFF AGAIN ABOUT HOW IT'S ALL FOR THE PEACE OF THE CITY, OR SOMETHING?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING. BASEBALL? THAT'S SO NOT YOU.
BUT IT'S BORING NOT TO HAVE ANY OPPONENTS IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS ME.
...WON'T YOU GO AWAY ALREADY?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PLAN IS, COMING HERE EVERY DAY.
I AM SHUNA SAKAKIBARA NOW.
I HAVE NO RELATION TO YOU.
A@LA!A...
I CAN SEE YOUR LITTLE KID PANTIES.
WHUMP
WHOA!
The swings a nostalgic playtime activity from my childhood. Back in the day, when my sister was playing on the swings with me like this
Me
Little Sis
Oops!
Ouch
Out of the way!
But my little sister couldn't manage it. Talk about when it rains it pours. The swing incident hurt quite a bit. Let's be careful when we play!

OWWW!
DI... DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?
DELOS!
PHEW.
YEAH, I DID!!
I WENT TO TRY AND CATCH YOU AND WHEN I DID THE FRIGGIN' SWING CAME UP FROM BEHIND AND BASHED IN MY HEAD LIKE
BAM!!
I AM NO...
YOU'RE TOTALLY LAUGHING!
PFF...
I DID NO~~
DON'T LIE. YOU LAUGHED.
...I DID NOT.
YOU LAUGHED JUST NOW.
AH! HEY.
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OH, CRAP...
WHAT THE HELL AM I THINKING? SHE'S 10 YEARS OLD.
HEY, PUT ME DOWN.
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR LAUGHING. PLUS YOU TWISTED YOUR ANKLE, DIDN'T YOU?
IT BRINGS ME GREAT SHAME TO HAVE TO BE CARRIED BY THE LIKES OF YOU.
YOU'RE ONLY 10. GET OVER IT, LADY AGLAIA.

I WONDER WHAT SIRIX AND THE OTHERS WOULD SAY IF THEY SAW US LIKE THIS.
LADY AGLAIA... HUH. THAT TAKES ME BACK.
MY BACK IS HOT...
DID YOU BETRAY ME?
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, WAS IT?
BE-SIDES ...
WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO TO DREDGE THAT UP?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK ...
...WHY I BETRAYED YOU?

EVEN GROWING CLOSE TO ME WAS PART OF THE PLAN TO LAY A TRAP FOR THE HOUSE OF FELIX.
AND YOU YOURSELF REVEALED THE PLAN TO ME IN THE END...
STILL...
AGLAIA IS STILL FAR AWAY
YOU WERE A MEMBER OF ITS LONGTIME RIVAL, THE HOUSE OF BRITIUS
YOU WERE NEVER A MERCENARY FOR THE HOUSE OF FELIX.
SO FROM THE VERY BEGINNING ...
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SO CLOSE TO ME...
EVEN THOUGH THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MORE TIES OF OBLIGATION IN THIS WORLD...
...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT UP TO HER.
...YOU WERE NEVER MINE AT ALL.

TAKE 1900 YEARS' WORTH OF HATE AND THROW IT IN MY FACE.
INSULT ME.
BLAME ME. PLEASE.
YOU'RE AS INSIGHTFUL AS EVER. TOO INSIGHTFUL.
YOU ALWAYS ...
...TURN ME UPSIDE-DOWN.

IT'S DIFFERENT FOR ME.
UNTIL NOW, I NEVER DREAMED I'D WISH TO BE RID OF THESE MEMORIES.
...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HATED ME...
NO MATTER HOW GRAVE MY CRIME...
...UNTIL NOW, I HAD NEVER FELT GRATEFUL FOR MY MEMORIES.
I DON'T CARE, EVEN IF YOU HATE ME.
PUT ME DOWN
...LED ME...
THESE MEMORIES
...TO YOU.

I WILL MAKE IT SO YOU CANNOT FORGET.
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...!
ONCE MORE! I PLEDGE...
I PLEDGE MY LOYALTY TO YOU, LADY AGLAIA.
!

I NEVER WANT...
...TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN!!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!
WHAT THE HELL WAS I DOING?
YOU MAY CALL IT A WARPED ATTACHMENT...
...GOING AFTER A 10-YEAR-OLD.

...BUT SO LONG AS I'M BY YOUR SIDE, THAT'S ALL I NEED.

...SO.
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT SHUNA'S MEMORIES.
BESIDES THAT...
I SIMPLY WANT TO KNOW IF SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THAT GIRL'S PERSONAL HISTORY
MAN, DON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP? WHY THE HECK ARE YOU SO INTERESTED?

...THE SAKAKIBARA RESIDENCE SURE IS AMAZING.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE BEING IN A FANCY HOTEL HERE
Cha la la la la la
HMM? WHAT'S WITH THIS ENKA MUSIC?
WHO THE HELL WOULD MAKE A "RIVER" WITH YOU GUYS?
EVEN THIS BED IS BIG ENOUGH FOR THE THREE OF US TO SLEEP SIDEWAYS AND MAKE THE CHARACTER FOR "RIVER."*
*The character for "river" in Japanese is three vertical lines.
WHAAAT?! WINE?! ♡♡
SHIHOSU-SAN, HERE'S SOME PROVI-SIONS FROM THE MAIDS
WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION HERE, SO DO THAT LATER! LATER!
Ahhhh
MIGHT AS WELL?
OH, ERI THE MAID BROUGHT OVER A KARAOKE MACHINE, SO I FIGURED. .
Karaoke Battle!
Yay!
*Meanwhile, the ladies are playing
What the heck is Eri the maid?

MIKAGE.
AT ANY RATE!
WHEN SOMETHING RELATES TO MEMORIES, IT CONCERNS ALL OF US.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING TO HER?
YOU SAID BEFORE THAT WHEN LADY AGLAIA'S MEMORIES VANISHED, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING.
IF IT WAS THE KIND OF THING THAT WOULD HURT HER...
...I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
THE ONLY THING I CAN MENTION WOULD BE THAT THAT DAY...

...I MADE A MOVE ON HER.
THAT'S TOTALLY SOMETHING!!
YOU BASTARD!! ON MY SHUNA?!
Gaaah!
These guys are hilarious
Gaaah!
LADY AGLAIA?! BUT SHE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL!!
OH, THANK GOD.
DON'T WORRY, IT WAS JUST AN ATTEMPT.
WAIT, THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!
WELL, WHATEVER
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, HER MEMORIES VANISHED.

SINCE HER MEMORIES VANISHED...
SORRY.
YOU GUYS WANTED TO SEE AGLAIA, TOO...
WHILE SHE STILL HAD HER MEMO~~!
...SHUNA HAS OBSTINATELY REFUSED...
...TO LET ME CALL HER AGLAIA.
...AGLAIA HAS DIED TWICE.
THROUGH HER HATRED FOR ME...
THE EXISTENCE OF DELOS, ME, DELETED.
I GUESS.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MADE HER LIFE THAT MISERABLE, HUH.

AGLAIA, AGLAIA...
YOU BASTARD.
YOU WANT AGLAIA...
...AND DON'T NEED SHUNA?
SHUNA-CHAN
...HONESTLY, IF I COULD TALK ABOUT POMPEII WITH SHUNA...
IT WOULD BE A DREAM COME TRUE.
AND WITH YUUMA...
...IF HE WOULD REMEMBER...
...JUST A LITTLE...

BUT...
WHEN I YEARN FOR THAT...
...I AM DENYING YUUMA AND SHUNA THEMSELVES!
SHUNA'S STILL 17 YEARS OLD, RIGHT?!
THAT MEANS SHE'S GOING TO GET WORRIED IF SHE HEARS HER MEMORIES HAVE VANISHED, YOU KNOW?
DON'T FORCE HER PAST ON HER
DON'T...
...DRIVE SHUNA INTO A CORNER!!

AN...
KE... KEIDAI, YOU SAY SOMETHING TOO.
OKAY ...
drip drip
wipe wipe
I WASN'T FISHING FOR A COMPLIMENT!!
SHINOGU-SAN, YOU'RE REALLY COOL...
I... HAVE...
...A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO SAY TO DELOS...
BUT.
I UNDERSTAND MIKAGE'S FEELINGS
SO MUCH SO, THAT IT HURTS.

I CAN'T HELP BUT YEARN FOR THE SERENA WITHIN YUUMA.
I CAN'T FORGET HER EITHER.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW HOW UNNATURAL IT IS.
I JUST NOTICED IT.
I LOOK AT YOU...
...AND I'M FILLED WITH PAIN.
BECAUSE THOUGH I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU YET...
WE TWO ARE...
...COMPLETE OPPOSITES, AND YET...
...VERY SIMILAR.
...I KNOW THAT YOUR FEELINGS FOR LADY AGLAIA ARE TRUE.

BUT ...
REGARDLESS OF THE REASON HER MEMORIES VANISHED...
...IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT LADY AGLAIA COMPLETELY HATED YOU.
OH?
...WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
BECAUSE I MYSELF ...
...WAS ALSO ALWAYS BY HER SIDE.

I DIDN'T CARE IF IT WAS SHUNA OR AGLAIA.
SO LONG AS I COULD BE WITH HER...
BUT...
WHERE DO MY TRUE FEELINGS LIE...?
...I SHOULD END IT?
...IF YOU'RE GOING TO CAUSE SHUNA ANY MORE PAIN..
MIKAGE ...
SOUICHI.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY SISTER?
SHUNA?
NO..
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH SHUNA-SAN?
MY...
MY SISTER...
...IS GONE.

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SHUNA-SAN'S GONE?
WELL, SHE DIDN'T DO KARAOKE WITH US.
SO I THOUGHT SHE MUST BE SLEEPING IN HER ROOM.
BUT I CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE ...
SINCE WHEN?

✿ About Fan Letters Part 2

While my manga is running, I really don't have a lot of time to respond to all your letters, but whenever I do find that rare free time, I am putting together a sort of response paper (for those who sent me letters right now that is). But who knows when I'll even get to send these out, so if you do end up receiving one, then I'd be so happy if you just accepted it with a light heart, like "Lucky yay!" So you guys don't need to enclose an 80-yen stamp with your letters. (Just make sure you write your address clearly and legibly.) Also: I cannot do illustrations, autographs, or address books. I'm so sorry. But I do have to put work above all else. After all, the most important thing for me is that you get enjoyment out of reading what I've drawn after all!

...YOU SAY RESEMBLES ME.
YOU LOOK PAST ME AND ONLY SEE THE WOMAN...
STOP WITH THAT ALREADY.
...DID YOU SAY SOMETHING TO HER?
NOT REALLY
SERIZAWA, SHUNA-SAN JUST...
KEI-CHAN.
IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA, THEN WE GOTTA GO SEARCH!
Was it that...?
?
?!
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING?
BUT I ALSO CAN'T FIND YUUMA-KUN EITHER. FOR A WHILE NOW.

I THOUGHT IF YUUMA-SAN WERE FOLLOWING AFTER, SHE WOULD BE FINE...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!
IF IT'S IN REGARDS TO YUUMA-SAN, HE FOLLOWED AFTER LADY SHUNA WHEN SHE LEFT.
THAT'S RIGHT! IF THEY GO OUT THIS LATE AT NIGHT, SOME CREEPY MAN COULD CATCH THEM OR SOMETHING...
BOTH SHUNA AND YUUMA ARE BEAUTIFUL AS GODDESSES AND LOVELY AS ANGELS!!
Y'KNOW, I THINK YOUR OVER-PROTECTIVENESS IS JUST AS CREEPY, GUYS
...THEN...
...AND IF SHE'S WANDERING AROUND OUTSIDE AND NEVER WANTS TO SEE MY FACE AGAIN...
BUT... IF THIS REALLY IS ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WITH ME...
Difference in passion
IF IT'S JUST A WALK, I THINK SHE'LL BE FINE
AREN'T YOU AT ALL WORRIED ABOUT SHUNA-SAN?!

I GUESS I'LL GO AND GRAB HER...
...AND MAYBE TALK ABOUT BREAKING THINGS OFF.
...WHA?!
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT, THEN WHY WOULD YOU BREAK UP OR WHATEVER...
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF.
HMM. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS TRANSCENDING TIME AND MEMORIES AND ALL THAT, THIS IS JUST A REGULAR OLD LOVE STORY...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU *WERE* GOING OUT?!

"DON'T FORCE HER PAST ON HER. DON'T DRIVE SHUNA INTO A CORNER!!"
IF I HAVE NO CHOICE BECAUSE MY EXISTENCE ALONE IS CAUSING HER PAIN...
...THERE'S NO USE...
...EVEN IN BEING BY HER SIDE.
...JEEZ.
OKAY.
SERIZAWA, YOU AND THE OTHERS WAIT HERE.
WAIT!
I'll go too!
Shinya

YUUMA HASN'T BEEN PICKING UP HIS PHONE FOR A WHILE NOW.
Shingo
YUUMA, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
It's been dango ova ate?
WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE?
WON'T THEY BE AROUND HERE GIVING DIRECTIONS TO SOME OLD PERSON?
IT'S LIKELY.
HMM... DOING FUNDRAISING...?
A PLACE, A PLACE, DUDE.
YEAH... CLEANING UP THE STREETS...?
ANY IDEA WHERE SHINA-SAN MIGHT GO?
You here. Hunt. Mifaely?!
ARRGHH! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT!
SHINOBU-SAN, CALM DOWN!
WHY THE HELL WOULD I?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, DO YOU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAAAT"?
WHAAA...!!
YOU BASTARD! IF YOU'RE GONNA BE LIKE THAT, I'LL TAKE SHUNA FOR MYSELF!
IF I WERE SHUHA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
...I'D HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLACES SHE FREQUENTED AND HER THOUGHT PROCESSES AND EVERYTHING.
THAT'S JUST YOU TWO, DAMMIT!!
Who see us like that!!
Mega Humiliation!
WELL, YOU AND SHUNA TOGETHER JUST EQUALS GIRL-ON-GIRL IN MY HEAD.
The troubled vision of those with memories
End the locked-out way! S
SHINOBU-SA— WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS CRAZY..
And why only me?
I STAND A MAN BEFORE YOU, AND SO MANLY, AND YOU BASTARD! YOU JERK! I HATE MEN, OKAY?!

Whenever I'm thinking up stories, supposedly my face looks like it's the end of the world, so my family is always on edge when they see it. One day, when my father came home with some instant Hokkaido ramen
so don't touch it. I'm gonna eat it, okay?
I really splurged today and brought home the 500 yen kind
In a good mood...
Salt Ramen
Story ideas! Story ideas
I'm going to work...
I won't do this anymore.
Go ahead and give that ramen to Mizuho to eat..
Hey
Mother Substitute
Renka
I'm so sorry.. for always making you worry about me. Thank you. Even though my dad did eventually end up eating that ramen. Meanwhile, my mother prays to the god of schoolwork that I can come up with new ideas. But it's not schoolwork. Mom—
HELLO THERE.
HAVE YOU SEEN THESE TWO AROUND?
I'M SAVED...
Pictures of Yuuma and Shuma.
Sorry, I have a headache.
Let's go home, okay?
Hey, are you in college?
Come to think of it
HAVE YOU EVER LIKED A GIRL IN YOUR PRESENT LIFE OTHER THAN SHUHA-SAN?
I LIKE WOMEN.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
BECAUSE YOU LIKE...
...NO, IT'S NOTHING.

YOU'VE FALLEN HARD, YEAH?
...YES?
Erase that!!
HO HO HO. WHAT AN OLD-SCHOOL SAYING.
To who?
FALLEN
FOR INSTANCE, SE...
SERENA!!
YOU AND I AND EVERYONE LOVES YOU!! THE NAME OF THE ONE I LOVE IS...
ALL TOGETHER NOW!
SERENA, RIGHT?
YES...
N
O
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SE
RE
NA
?
...A GIRL WHO'S NOT SERENA?

EEEYAAHHH!!
WHY ARE YOU SINGING EMBARRASSING STUFF AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
YUUMA-KUN CONTACTED US.
Back at the house
YUUMA DID?!
YUUMA-KUN HAD LEFT HIS CELL PHONE AT THE SAKAKIBARA ESTATE...
...SO HE CALLED US FROM A PUBLIC PHONE, BUT...
"SNUNA-SAN'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING RIGHT NOW..."
"...SO WE'LL BE WALKING AROUND A LITTLE BIT LONGER."
...HE SAID.
That was it
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
I WONDER IF SHE LOST SOMETHING...
THOSE GIRLS JUST NOW TOLD ME THEY HAPPENED TO SEE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE THOSE TWO OUT IN FRONT OF A SPORTING GOODS SHOP.
A SPORTING GOODS SHOP?
SAID THEY WERE KINDA OUTSIDE THE STORE STARING AT SPORTING GOODS.
MAYBE YUUMA SPOTTED SOME WEIGHTS ...

MIKAGE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HOME.
WHAT?!
AFTER ALL, SHE LEFT AT HER OWN CONVENIENCE, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO KEEP DOING THIS.
WELL...YEAH, BUT YOU COULD AT LEAST HELP HER FIND WHAT SHE'S LOOKING FOR...
...I THINK... RIGHT NOW...
... I'M THE LAST PERSON SHE WANTS TO SEE.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
LADY AGLAIA ...
... ALWAYS ...

LITTLE SIRIX.
STILL A BUSYBODY, I SEE.
IF SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THIS LATE AT NIGHT, SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.
LET'S GO LOOK FOR SHUHA-CHAN AND YUUMA-KUN
KEI-CHAN.
THAT JERK...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!
AHH...

WHAT A FRUSTRATING WOMAN...
SHE'S NOT HERE...
AGLAIA...
NO USE HIDING IT FROM ME, DELOS.
...I FEEL LIKE I CAN BE MYSELF.
WHEN I'M WITH YOU...
AGLAIA.
AGLAIA.
YOU MIGHT JUST BE AN UNEXPECTEDLY CUTE FELLOW
DON'T KID AROUND.
...AND YET YOU REACH OUT YOUR HANDS TO ME, DON'T YOU?
YOU'VE GOT A COLD EXTERIOR ...

BASE-BALL, HUH...
THAT TAKES ME BACK.
WE USED TO PLAY IT WHEN WE WERE KIDS.
REINA WOULD TAG ALONG BEHIND ME.
AND NEXT THING I KNEW, SHUNA JOINED US TOO, CHASING AFTER THE BALL.
NO WAY.. RIGHT?
...BASE-BALL...
...ALREADY FORGOTTEN THAT MOONLIT NIGHT, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU'VE PROBABLY...
...SOUICHI ...?
WHO IS...
...AGLAIA?
AGLAIA.

SERIOUSLY, YUUMA! TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE WITH YOU!
WELL, I GUESS WE ARE JUST KIND OF WANDERING AROUND LOOKING FOR THEM ON OUR OWN...
THEY'RE NOT HERE!
Sniiigh...
IF WE AT LEAST KNEW WHAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR...
...OH.
THIS PLACE...
...BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.
WE USED TO PLAY CATCH HERE WITH SOUICHI ALL THE TIME BACK IN THE DAY.
CATCH? WITH HIM?
That's so doesn't fit him

YO, MINI-SERENA.
COME AGAIN, HAVE YOU?
WE MET IN THAT PARK DOWN THAT WAY, BUT...
...I'D ALWAYS COME HERE TO SEE HIM.
THOUGH THINGS WERE ROUGH BETWEEN MY BIG SISTER AND SOUICHI...
...WHEN WE STARTED PLAYING CATCH, LITTLE BY LITTLE THEY GOT TO WHERE THEY COULD TALK TO ONE ANOTHER...
I THINK IT WAS AROUND THAT TIME.
THE TWO OF THEM STARTED TELLING ME STORIES ABOUT POMPEII.
BUT THEY ONLY TOLD ME...
...ABOUT THE FUN TIMES.
YOU KNOW, I WONDER IF MY BIG SISTER REALLY LIKES SOUICHI.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S LOST AGLAIA'S SPIRIT.

COULD IT BE THAT SHE'S GOING BACK THROUGH HER RECOLLECTIONS OF MIKAGE-SAN...
...AND SEARCHING FOR HER LOST MEMORIES?
WELL... YOU SEE...
BUT MY SISTER SAID SHE DIDN'T NEED HER MEMORIES.
COULD IT BE THAT SHUNA-CHAN...
...CATCH...
...WAS LOOKING AT BASEBALL GEAR AT THE SPORTING GOODS SHOP...?
HUH?
WELL, IT'S JUST A GUESS? A GUESS, BUT...

...I TRIED TO RECALL MY MEMORIES OF POMPEII ANY WAY I COULD, TOO.
BY LOOKING ALL THESE DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT POMPEII ...
EVEN THOUGH SHE HERSELF THINKS SHE DOESN'T NEED THEM ...
...IF MIKAGE-SAN WISHED FOR HER TO REMEMBER...
BACK THEN...
...I, TOO...
...AND IF PERHAPS SHUNA-CHAN TRULY CARES FOR MIKAGE-SAN...
...SHE MIGHT WANT DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...
MAYBE, LIKE I DID...
...IF IT WAS FOR HIS SAKE...
...FOR KEI-CHAN...

AT ANY RATE! IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, THEN THAT MIGHT BE IT.
...NO! THIS IS ABOUT SHUNA-CHAN!
IT'S POSSIBLE SHE WALKED THROUGH HERE...
WHY ARE YOU TWO ALL RED?
...MAY-BE...?
O... OVER THERE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH... OH...
...KINDA LOOK LIKE WHAT SHUNA-SAN WAS WEARING...?
DOESN'T THAT...

WHAA?! HEY, STOP IT!
W-WELL! DIDN'T SHE HAVE ON A SKIRT LIKE THAT?
SHE DID.
I SAID STOP IT!!
HMM, NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT, YEAH...
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER, BUT!!
WHAT IF SHE INADVERTENTLY SLIPPED...
SHUNA-SAN MIGHT HAVE COME OVER HERE, RIGHT?!
IF SO, THEN WHERE'S YUUMA?!
KEI-CHAN!!
HEY, YOU GUYS!

ドボーン
SHUNA AND YUUMA JUST CONTACTED THE SAKAKIBARA RESIDENCE.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, KEIDAI?
A ONE-ACT PLAY ABOUT A DROWNED BODY?
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ぷかっ
W-WHAT?
THEN THIS IS...
...JUST A SCRAP OF FABRIC...
Plus it's shallow here
ぷかっ

...DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING HOME?
...YEAH...
GOING FOR A MOONLIGHT SWIM?
...I GUESS.
THIS ISN'T SHUNA-SAN'S SKIRT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, OKAY?!
WELL, IT SURE SEEMS THAT WAY!
WHAT THE HELL ARE THOSE TWO DOING...
MUTUAL RAGE OUT OF EMBARRASSMENT.
YO, MIKAGE.
!
LOOKS LIKE SHUNA AND YUUMA ARE OVER AT THE PARK DOWN THE WAY RIGHT NOW.
THE PARK...

COULD THAT BE THE PARK WHERE YOU GUYS FIRST MET?
HOW'D YOU KNOW...
The park where you guys first met makes his skin crawl.
SO SHUNA-SAH...
...REALLY IS LOOK-ING FOR HER MEMORIES AFTER ALL!
HUH?
SHE'S SEARCHING FOR HER MEMORIES OF LADY AGLAIA THROUGH HER MEMORIES OF YOU IN THE PRESENT.
SHE'S GOING THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE IN HER OWN WAY TO REMEMBER THEM!
SO WHAT?
IT'S NOT ANY-THING SO SIMPLE.
SHE HATED ME, AND SO HER MEMO-RIES...
AND SO WHAT?!
EVEN IF SHUNA-SAN HATED YOU...
...THAT DOESN'T CHANGE HOW YOU FEEL, DOES IT?

IF YOU LIKE SHUNA-SAN ...
...THEN GO TO HER!

I DON'T WANT EITHER OF US TO HAVE REGRETS ALL OVER AGAIN.

IT'S LATE, SO YOU KIDDIES RUN ALONG AND GO TO BED.
WHA...
ALL RIGHT, LET'S ALL GO AND—
YOU GUYS GO HOME
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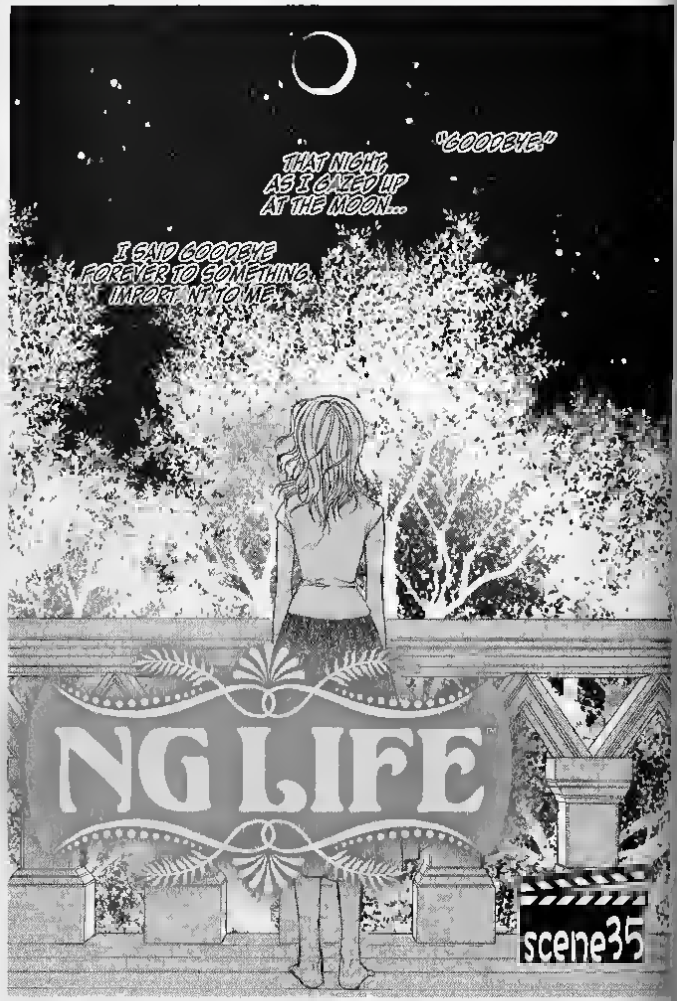
I'LL GO ALONE.
TO WHERE SHE IS.


"GOODBYE."
THAT NIGHT, AS I GAZED UP AT THE MOON...
I SAID GOODBYE FOREVER TO SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ME.
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AGLAIA.
AGLAIA ...?
SOU... ICHI ...?
WHO IS AGLAIA?
WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU JUMPED UP AND RAN OUT CLUTCHING YOUR HEAD, BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST ON THE TERRACE SPACING OUT...?
WAS THERE A COCKROACH OR SOMETHING?

SHE'S AN ITALIAN GIRL... BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
YOUR NAME IS...
I SEE...
AN ITALIAN GIRL...
...HUH?
MY NAME IS SHUNA.
WHO'S THIS AGLAIA? SOME FOREIGN GIRL?
FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT, THAT YOU HAD A GIRL LIKE THAT.
WHOA WHOA. WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY SO OUT OF IT?
IT'S YOUR DAMN NAME FROM YOUR PAST LIFE, ISN'T IT?
PAST... LIFE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...HEY, AGLAIA.
MY NAME IS SHUNA.

AGLAIA?
STOP JOKING AROUND. YOU'RE...
...I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE CONFUSING ME WITH, BUT...
...IF YOU'RE HALF ASLEEP...
THEN SNAP OUT OF IT, AND GET OUT OF MY ROOM.
WHY...

...ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

WHO IS AGLAIA?

EVEN...

...MY HEART HURTS.

SHUNA-SAN!

Although Aglaia was the daughter of a well-known noble family in Pompeii, despite her class she chose to wear clothes made out of materials that a peasant's daughter might wear over the gaudy costumes of the nobility. The other characters in this manga are mainly of lower class as well or extremely poor, so sadly, I really didn't get the opportunity to draw them all dressed up in beautiful garments or loaded with jewelry. (Raoul was an actual noble who acted like a noble, but...since he's a guy...) Oh, and Serena was just a peasant's daughter as well. Back in those days, doctors didn't have a very high social status like today. As for Smyrna—well, she liked to wear all the gifts that her male suitors lavished upon her (Even though she hates men...)

YOU WERE KINDA JUST PICKING UP TRASH OFF THE GROUND AS YOU WALKED ALONG
Kaidai's face settles, clearing, almost deep in thought
WHAT ON EARTH AM I DOING ...?
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN CARRY ANY MORE THAN THAT.
I'M GLAD I DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU.
IF THEY KNEW THAT YOU'D GONE OFF AT NIGHT IN A DAZE LIKE THIS, EVERYONE AT THE SAKAKIBARA HOUSE WOULD BE IN AN UPROAR NOW.
Both Shuna and Yuuma are beautiful as goddesses and lovely as angels!!
That's right! If they go out this late at night some creepy man could catch them or something
Kaidai and Shingu at the Sakakibara residence at the time
SHUNA-SAN, YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TODAY. JUST NOW YOU WERE SPACING OUT IN FRONT OF THE SPORTING GOODS SHOP.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AFTER THE TEA PARTY?
NO...
SALE
Are you sure you don't want one?
THE ONE YOU LIKE IS A LADY NAMED AGLAIA, IS SHE NOT?
Fought about Aglaia again
...DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH MIKAGE?
EH?

OH, IT'S NOT THAT I SAW ANYTHING, JUST...
...SINCE THE TIME I MET YOU, THE TWO OF YOU ARE ALWAYS... KINDA...
Hehe
FIGHTING?
NO... IT'S LIKE... SORRY.
YOU'RE CUTE, YUUMA.
DON'T CALL ME CUTE!
THEY AREN'T FIGHTS.
RATHER THAN FIGHTS, THERE'S A GREAT AMOUNT OF DISCORD BETWEEN MIKAGE AND MYSELF.
IT WOULD APPEAR I'M SUFFERING FROM MEMORY LOSS.
I'M TOLD BY SOUICHI...
...THAT I'M SOMEONE NAMED "AGLAIA" ...
...AND UNTIL RECENTLY I HAD THIS LADY'S MEMORIES ...
...AND THAT THEY SUDDENLY VANISHED.
MEMORY LOSS?
AGLAIA?

I'M NOT QUITE SURE MYSELF...
...IF IT'S MEMORY LOSS, OR SPLIT PERSONALITY, OR THERE'S JUST SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE ME.
WHAT I KNOW ...
...IS THAT SHE ALONE...
... IS THE ONE PERSON SOUICHI CARES FOR.
SOUICHI IS ALWAYS LOOKING PAST ME FOR THIS PERSON WHO I AM NOT.
WHEN I SAW THE CRESCENT MOON TONIGHT...
...I FELT LIKE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO REMEMBER SOMETHING AND WENT OUTSIDE
THOUGH IT APPEARS I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND EVEN A FRAGMENT OF MEMORY...
...OH.

I'M SO SORRY, I WENT ON ABOUT CONFUSING THINGS.
YOU'RE SO EASY TO TALK TO, YUUMA, THAT I COULDN'T HELP IT...
THE CITY LIGHTS ARE TOO STRONG HERE.
YOU CAN HARDLY SEE THE MOON.
SHALL WE GO?
LET'S FIND A SPOT WHERE WE CAN SEE THE MOON!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M YOUR BODYGUARD TONIGHT, SHUNA-SAN!
ALL YOUR WORRIES ...

...WILL BE CAST ASIDE!
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, LADY AGLAIA?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR LITTLE SISTER ...
...WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG TOO?
LADY AGLAIA.
SO REINA CAME TO SEE ME, DID SHE?
WILL YOU COME SEE ME PLAY BALL?
AN, REINA!
DIDN'T YOU NEVER WANT TO SEE MY FACE AGAIN?
FOR SOME REASON REINA KEPT SAYING SHE WANTED TO SEE YOU.
I'LL TAKE HER HOME SOON.

WHAT'S UP, MIKAGE? WHO ARE THESE KIDS?
THEY'RE SO CUTE!
WHA!
DON'T TOUCH 'EM.
THEY'RE MINE.
MIKAGE-KUN, YOU'RE A PEDO.
OH, MY BAD.
I MEANT, I AM HERS.
I DON'T NEED YOU!
SHE TOTALLY HATES YOU, DUDE.
...CLEAR AS DAY...
...THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER...
OUT OF MY DISRUPTED MEMORIES...

AND WE PLAYED BASEBALL AT THE PARK DOWN THE WAY.
I WANNA DO THAT WITH EVERYONE SOMETIME!
...IS YOUR FACE.
YOU USED TO PLAY CATCH HERE?
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS EXACTLY THAT I'M LOOKING FOR...
..SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING.
IF I COULD REMEMBER SOMETHING...
..HE'D STOP LOOKING SO SAD, RIGHT?
RE-MEMBER ANY-THING?
AH!
IF I'M NOT AGLAIA...

MY SCARF...
SHU-NA-SAN!
...AM I UNNECESSARY...?
STOP, THAT'S DANGE-ROUS!
BUT I COULD GET ARRES-TED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING ...
THEN I'LL GO!
Is that it?
...THERE'S NO NEED TO RETRIEVE IT IF IT MEANS YOU'LL BE ENDANGERING YOUR SAFETY TOO, YUUMA.
Pat pat
THANK YOU.
I'M OKAY.
HEY.
SHU-NA-SAN.

THOUGH IT'S A LITTLE LONELY WITHOUT IT...
...IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT, RIGHT?
THE MEMORIES THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
...ARE LIKE THAT SCARF.
INSTEAD, YOU'RE LIGHTER NOT HAVING IT...
...AND YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE YOU WANT.
WHAT YOU THREW AWAY...
...WASN'T ANYTHING ALL THAT NECESSARY...
...TO THE YOU WHO YOU ARE NOW, SHINA-SAN.

IT'S OKAY TO BE LOST.
BUT NEVER EVER LET GO...
...OF WHAT'S DEAREST TO YOU.
OTHER SELF...?
...MY OTHER SELF.
OH, THIS IS A PIECE OF WISDOM FROM...

LIKE ANOTHER ME.
SEEMS I'VE GOT ONE OF THOSE TOO.
THAT'S RIGHT. SHOULD WE HEAD BACK?
I JUST CALLED YOUR HOUSE, OKAY?
SHUNA-SAN!

EH?
I... I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM!
DOES... DOES THAT MEAN SOUICHI IS COMING TOO...?
PROB-ABLY.
NO, THEY SAID TO STAY HERE BECAUSE THEY'VE PUT TOGETHER A SEARCH PARTY AND ARE HEADED THIS WAY.
SEARCH PARTY = KEIDAI AND COMPANY!
!
C-CALM DOWN, SHUNA-SAN!
Though I don't really follow you.
...FOR SOME REASON I FEEL IF I SEE HIM RIGHT NOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO REMAIN MYSELF, AND I'M A LITTLE FRIGHTENED.
NO, I ABSOLUTELY CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM MY FRIENDS WHO WORRIED ABOUT ME, BUT...
SORRY, BUT COULD THE BODYGUARD TAKE A BREAK FOR A BIT?
BESIDES, KEIDAI AND THE OTHERS WILL BE THERE, AND ME AS YOUR BODYGUARD!
Er -
YES. LET'S GO WITH THAT PLAN.
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, SHUNA-SAN! YOU SHOULD BE SPIRITED ENOUGH TO OFFER TO COMMIT SEPPUKU AND TEAR OUT YOUR OWN GUTS WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARE ANGRY WITH YOU.

I HAD THE OTHERS GO HOME AHEAD OF US.
HUH? WHY ARE YOU ALONE? WHERE'S KEIDAI? AND SHINOBU?
I'LL GIVE YOU CAB FARE SO YOU CAN GO HOME TOO.
WHOA!
NOT YOU, THOUGH. YOU SIT RIGHT THERE.
I'LL GO ON AHEAD.
GOT IT.
NOW THEN...
My angel
Nice about face
RUN? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
DON'T YOU DARE RUN.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
...I'M SORRY.
I'M NOT HERE TO FORCE AN APOLOGY.
YOU SAID JUST NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME.
SO YOU LEFT?
BECAUSE YOU HATE ME?

...TELL ME STRAIGHT OUT.
IF YOU HATE ME SO MUCH THAT YOU NEVER WANT TO SEE MY FACE AGAIN...
...I'VE HAD TIME TO THINK THINGS OVER AND CHILL OUT.
THESE MONTHS SINCE YOUR MEMORIES VANISHED..
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN...
...I'LL VANISH FROM YOUR SIGHT.
DO YOU REMEMBER...
THE MOON WAS VERY PRETTY...IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
I JUST... WENT OUT TO TAKE A WALK.

THAT NIGHT, COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER, YOU STARTED TO TALK ABOUT OUR LAST DAY IN POMPEII.
...THAT MOONLIT NIGHT?
I, DELOS...
YOUR FRIENDS.
YOUR FAMILY.
ABOUT HOW YOU LIVED AND DIED, IN THE CITY YOU LOVED.
...WE FORGAVE ONE ANOTHER...
...AND FINALLY...
...AS IF UNTANGLING A KNOTTED STRING.
SLOWLY...
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE COULD SPEAK CALMLY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED...

...THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME.
I JUST WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
IT'S NO USE.
I'VE SHED MY MEMORIES, AFTER ALL.
THE LAST...
IF THAT'S...
...WHAT YOU WANT...
IT'S OKAY TO BE LOST.
NO MATTER WHERE I SEARCHED, MY MEMORIES WEREN'T ANYWHERE.
I COULDN'T BECOME AGLAIA.

WHAT'S...
BUT NEVER EVER LET GO...
...OF WHAT'S DEAREST TO YOU.
...DEAREST...
... YOU'RE ... TO ME...

Huh?
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT IF YOU WERE BLOWN INTO THE RIVER OR SOMETHING...
...NOT A SCARF.
IF THE CURRENT SWEPT YOU AWAY, I'D CHASE YOU.
...NO ONE COULD STOP ME FROM GOING IN AFTER YOU.
DID YOU NOT SAY THAT YOU WERE MINE?
I WON'T HAND YOU OVER TO AGLAIA EITHER.
I DON'T GET THIS.

AREN'T YOU MINE-- SHUNA'S?
IF I'VE LOST MY MEMORIES AS YOU SAY...
...THEN WHY, MUCH AS IT PAINS ME, DO I REMEMBER...
...THE FACE OF THE MAN BEFORE MY EYES?

Heh...
GOD, YOU WOMEN...
YES.
I'M YOURS.
...I AM...
...SHUNA SAKAKIBARA.
AGLAIA WILL NOT RETURN.

...THAT'S ENOUGH.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO... REMEMBER.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE YOU...
...SHUNA.

DELOS...
OH. I WAS BLOWN AWAY BY THE WIND AND CARRIED OFF BY THE RIVER
I'm freezing.
... SOUICHI, WHY ARE YOU SOAKING WET...?

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
LISTEN TO ME!
I FEEL VERY CONTENT TONIGHT.
AS IF I WERE REBORN.
DELOS...
WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?
IT'S LIKE ...
...SOME-HOW POMPEII, WHICH WAS ALWAYS SO CLOSE...
...HAS BECOME A VERY...
...FARA-WAY CITY...
AGLAIA?

GOODBYE

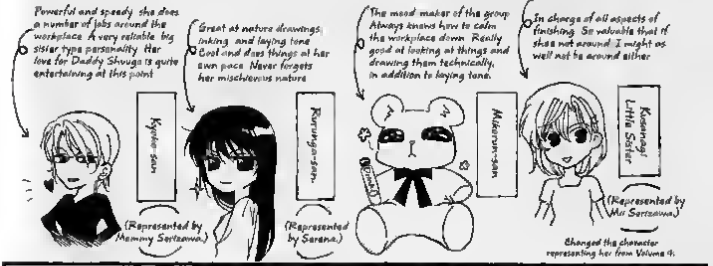
And Kaidai quit sympathizing with him!!
Of course it's your goddamn fault! I'll friggin' crush you like ice man!
Yeah, it really is sad isn't it as a man—
So like I wait over 1400 years right? Then I wait for her to grow up and just when I think yes, finally the time has arrived she's all like "Deiss? Who's that?" I mean seriously? You'd get depressed too if that were you And because of me? Because I made a move on her?

From scene88

In actuality I wanted to draw the scene a bit more like this. (Where they're drinking and venting.) With Kaidai drinking oolong tea, of course.

Finally introducing the assistants I rely upon so much.

※ Various people will switch in and out to come in to help me according to their availability and daily schedule. But basically I have 3-4 main assistants.


Powerful and speedy. She does a number of jobs around the workplace. A very reliable big sister type personality. Her love for Daddy Shuuga is quite entertaining at this point.
Kyoko-san
(Represented by Mommy Sorezawa.)
Great at nature drawings, inking, and laying tone. Cool and does things at her own pace. Never forgets her mischievous nature.
Kurungurusan
(Represented by Sarena.)
The mood maker of the group. Always knows how to calm the workplace down. Really good at looking at things and drawing them technically, in addition to laying tone.
Mikorunsan
In charge of all aspects of finishing. So valuable that if she's not around, I might as well not be around either.
Kusanagi Little Sister
(Represented by Mii Sorezawa.)
Changed the character representing her from Volume 4.

Slam
Sensei... you pervt!
Emergency Assistant Ryou Sakura Sensei (Represented by Keidai.)
poke
poke
Hello?
Bah, it's between a try and a girl. How boring.
Hmph!
Eeeeee
C'mere freak!
Manu script
Ah, they're kissing! They're kissing!
They always provide me with a very enjoyable work environment.
The Battle of the Rabbit Dinosaurs Begins!
Thank you all so very very much!
If it's sucking at drawing you'll never beat me!!
Whut?! Step outside!
Dammit! I just can't draw! Why do I suck at drawing and competition so much?!
Everyone has great lines and drawns really really well!
Emergency Assistant Ryou san (Represented by Shuna.)
Manga page
Mir-chan's so cute

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